



## 2005 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 108

July 12, 2006 – Introduced by Representative M. WILLIAMS, cosponsored by Senator DECKER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1       **Relating to:** the life and service of Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho of the United States  
2           Army Reserve, who lost his life during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

3           Whereas, on May 5, 2006, Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho, of Ladysmith,  
4       Wisconsin, a member of the United States Army Reserve assigned to the 489th Civil  
5       Affairs Battalion, Knoxville, Tennessee, and attached to Company B, 490th Cavalry  
6       Squadron, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, United States Army,  
7       died as a result of wounds received when an improvised explosive device near Al  
8       Hillah, Iraq, struck his vehicle during combat operations in Iraq; and

9           Whereas, Nathan J. Vacho was born on April 4, 1977, in Chippewa Falls,  
10       Wisconsin, was a 1995 graduate of Ladysmith High School, was a 4-year letter  
11       winner in football and wrestling, and was a member of the school newspaper staff;  
12       and

13           Whereas, Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho lived his dream of becoming a soldier  
14       just like his dad, John Vacho, grandfather, Tony Vacho, and great uncles, Bill Vacho,  
15       Paul Vacho, Emil Vacho, and Milan Vacho; and

1           Whereas, Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho began his Army career March 24, 1998,  
2           when he enlisted into the Army Reserves as a military firefighter, with later training  
3           as a health care specialist; and

4           Whereas, Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho's military training included Basic  
5           Combat Training, Firefighter Course, Practical Nurse Course, and the Emergency  
6           Medical Technician Refresher Course; and

7           Whereas, Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho's military awards and decorations  
8           include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the  
9           Good Conduct Medal, the Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the National  
10          Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism  
11          Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Mobilization Device, the Army  
12          Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon; and

13          Whereas, Staff Sergeant Vacho provided faithful and honorable service to the  
14          people of the United States as generations of his family had done before him; and

15          Whereas, Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho was laid to rest on Tuesday, May 16,  
16          2006; and

17          Whereas, the people of Wisconsin and the American people mourn the death of  
18          Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho; now, therefore, be it

19          ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature of  
20          the state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of Staff Sergeant Nathan  
21          Vacho and extends its deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues; and,  
22          be it further

23          ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint  
24          resolution to Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho's parents, John and Carol, his daughters,

1 Emma and Bayli, his sister, Ashley, and his grandparents, Anthony J. Vacho, Sr., and  
2 Carmen Vacho.

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